

Public Hearing: October 9, 2006

## **F A C T   S H E E T**

**TITLE:** South 56th & Elkcrest Intersection  
Safety Improvement Project, State Project No.  
STPP-5241(4), CN 12866; City Project No.  
700846

**SPONSOR:** Public Works and Utilities

**OPPONENTS:** Unknown

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**

Nebraska Department of Roads and Federal  
Highway Administration

**APPLICANT:** Public Works and Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** To provide authority for the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, so that Federal Funds can be obligated and used for the construction and construction engineering of this Safety Improvement project at the intersection of South 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Elkcrest Drive.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

The City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities proposes to make Safety Improvements at the intersection of South 56th & Elkcrest Drive in conformance with federal guidelines and requirements. The existing intersection has no left-turn lanes in South 56th Street or Elkcrest Drive. This Safety Project will construct 11' wide painted left-turn lanes on all legs of the intersection and will remove the old span wire traffic signal, replacing it with a new mast arm system. This will improve overall vehicle safety and operations. Elements of ITS will be constructed with the project such as cameras and digital message signs. The project will include associated utility relocations as needed and will require additional right of way and may require construction easements. The NDOR Safety Committee has approved the proposed concept of this project and the State has agreed to reimburse the City, using Federal Safety Funds, for 80% of the actual eligible project cost up to a maximum of \$708,800. The completion of this improvement is anticipated in 2008. The proposed concept plan is attached.

An open house was held February 2006 to inform the public about the project and give the public opportunity to provide comments. As this project moves forward into design there will be additional opportunities that will allow the public to view the design and give additional comments.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** Estimated Engineering, Right-of-Way and Construction \$1,122,000

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Federal Safety Funds – 80% of the actual eligible project cost up to a maximum of \$708,800. City match – estimated \$413,200 (SO)

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